

## Law Enforcement-Upper Interface (FINAL)

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### ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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The Calaveras OHV deputy is responsible for pro-actively and reactively enforcing OHV laws, specifically in the Arnold Interface OHV Routes, and areas in Calaveras County that are utilized for OHV recreation or suffer from unlawful OHV usage.

For the past several years, the Sheriff's Department has provided the OHV law enforcement services by patrolling in marked department vehicles, focusing on deterring illegal riding to reduce the number of violations and lessen the environmental damage. Minimizing the negative impact will promote continued use of the approved trail system. The Arnold Interface is a case in point, having been closed due to illegal trails and OHV trespassing onto private property and improved roadways. The OHV Deputy conducts numerous patrols in the closed area, providing educational information and citations to citizens who continue to ride in the restricted and surrounding areas. Subsequently the number of citizen complaints regarding illegal OHV use has dropped significantly year-to-year. However, there continues to be illegal usage due in part to the illegal trails that had become etched into the forest floor. In the summer, it is not uncommon for the Calaveras OHV deputy to be the only law enforcement representatives in the listed patrol areas. Without the OHV deputy's presence, OHV users would have little or no law enforcement contact, leaving a greater opportunity for resource damage and creating unapproved trails, as well as an increase in calls for service.

The Sheriff's Department has and will use its OHV equipment appropriately. By utilizing the mechanical knowledge of the OHV deputy, the department is able to save money by having most of the routine maintenance done without expensive dealer costs.

All OHV equipment operators are trained in the proper use, care and repair of the equipment. They are required to demonstrate equipment use, wear proper protective clothing and carry survival and medical emergency supplies. The OHV deputy and program offers multiple training sessions per year to both the Calaveras County Volunteer Search and Rescue Team and allied law enforcement agencies.

The deputies will enforce all laws. The deputy will respond to accidents, medical emergencies and Search and Rescue operations which relate to OHV; the designated OHV patrol vehicle is equipped as a general patrol vehicle. During the 2009 grant, the full time OHV deputy was specifically requested to assist in Search and Rescue operations. The OHV deputies will maintain clear lines of communication with private property owners, allowing them to work with these landowners to reduce trespass by OHV enthusiasts. The Sheriff's Department had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Sierra Pacific Industries, the county's largest private landowner, regarding trespassers. To maintain these communication channels, the OHV deputy will attend homeowner, community, or other meetings relevant to the department's goal of sustaining long-term recreation. The OHV deputy will also maintain a working relationship with the U.S. Forest Service. The Sheriff's Department is dedicated to the OHV program as evidenced by sustaining its OHV program during times of uncertain funding, especially during the fiscal years of 2009 and 2010. The department has been fiscally responsible during previous years and has maintained successful ongoing programs. The department ensures that each payment request is complete with all forms of documentation.

## **ITEM 2. Project Coverage**

The following is a description of project coverage areas.

### **ROUTES AVAILABLE OHV**

- Total miles of routes currently available for OHV recreation: 950
- ATV's (green/red sticker) 16
- Motorcycles (Green/red and street legal) 25
- Four Wheeled vehicles other than listed above 32
- Street legal vehicles only (registered for highway) 16.3

### **ACREAGE AVAILABLE TO OHV**

1000 square miles

This does not include illegal trails or private property that is open to the public that have OHV opportunity.

## **ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols**

### **FREQUENCY OF PATROLS.**

The deputies will primarily patrol four or more days a week, including weekends. If funding permits, extra deputies will be partnered with the full time OHV deputy during holidays and special events. The hours will be flexible to match the existing usage trend by OHV visitors in the upper interface.

## **ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel**

### **NUMBER OF OFFICERS**

For the upcoming grant cycle the Calaveras County Sheriff Department will be seeking funding for two full time OHV deputies (split equally between the two proposed projects), plus extra funding for one weekend extra assignment deputy. The use of an extra deputy is a tactic used by the Calaveras County Sheriff Department to reduce the total cost of the Upper Interface OHV program. Volunteers from the Search and Rescue Team will accompany deputies to assist with posting signs, searching for lost OHV users and trail repairs. The volunteers further lower the total cost of the program.

With the potential closing of the Carnegie SVRA the Calaveras Sheriff's Department foresees a substantial increase in OHV/recreational vehicle usage in our area from those that are unable to use the Carnegie area. We are located approximately 1.5 hours east of the Carnegie SVRA. Our project areas, which are located both within and bordering the Stanislaus National Forest, currently draw hundreds of users throughout the year. The potential OHV user population increase in usage should the Carnegie SVRA close will put a substantial burden on our current single OHV full-time deputy. If this is to occur, we will not be able to adequately monitor and enforce OHV issues in the Upper and Lower Interface areas. A lack of additional enforcement and oversight resources due to increased usage can result in unexpected increased resource damage, usage complaints, and OHV crashes. In anticipation of the Carnegie SVRA closure during the 2010/2011 grant cycle, and in order to get a jump on maintaining adequate staffing levels in response to the increased usage, we are requesting funding for one additional full-time OHV deputy whose time will be split between our two project areas.

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### Law Enforcement - Page 1

1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The Arnold Interface is but one case that requires substantial law enforcement presence. Having been closed due to illegal trails and OHV trespassing onto private property and improved roadways. Complaints regarding the illegal usage of OHV vehicles has dropped however, there continues to be illegal usage.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

The OHV deputy will provide OHV users with maps and educate them where OHV opportunities exist in the county. Providing information and maps will minimize complaints, possible closure of existing trails and environmental damage.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The existing OHV deputies meet with neighboring county officials, federal agencies such as U.S. Forest Service, and other jurisdictions/entities within our county regarding OHV usage. The deputies also train other deputies and Search and Rescue persons in laws and usage of OHV vehicles.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? (Please select Yes or No)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explain

None occurring.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No)

☒ Yes ☐ No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

All operators are trained in the proper use and care of the equipment. They are required to demonstrate equipment use, wear proper protective clothing and carry emergency supplies, both survival and medical. The OHV deputies offer multiple training sessions per year to both the Calaveras County Volunteer Search and Rescue Team and allied law enforcement agencies. This year the OHV deputy is expected to train 150-250 Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement persons from around the State. The OHV deputy is also expected to provide in-field education to the general OHV public during law enforcement contacts. The means of education can vary from citation issuance to providing verbal counseling, and distribution of published OHV-related materials.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No)
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:

☒ Yes ☐ No

The deputies meet with Federal representatives, such as USFS, to discuss OHV related topics and occasionally conducts patrols, mostly during OHV activities.

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

The in-lieu funds are being used by the Calaveras County's Road Department for maintenance of roads leading to and from OHV areas. This allows for greater access of the OHV opportunities

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

N/A

11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

## Project Cost Estimate

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	Calaveras County Sheriff's Department		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Law Enforcement-Upper Interface (FINAL)	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	G09-03-03-L01
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
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Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010  
 Agency: Calaveras County Sheriff's Department  
 Application: Law Enforcement-Upper Interface (FINAL)

2/22/2010

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Staff</b>						
	Law Enforcement Officers	1100.000	42.570	HRS	35,120.00	11,707.00	46,827.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	600.000	24.190	HRS	10,885.00	3,629.00	14,514.00
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	<b>Total for Staff</b>				81,125.00	27,043.00	108,168.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
	Safety Equipment	1.000	500.000	MISC	375.00	125.00	500.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
	Other-Snowmobile	2.000	10656.410	EA	15,984.75	5,328.25	21,313.00
<b>6</b>	<b>Others</b>						
<b>7</b>	<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>					97,484.75	32,496.25	129,981.00
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					97,484.75	32,496.25	129,981.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>					<b>97,484.75</b>	<b>32,496.25</b>	<b>129,981.00</b>

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010  
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2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	375.00	125.00	500.00	The current safety equipment such as helmets, gloves, goggles, and other OHV protective equipment is nearing five years since being replaced. Due to the harsh conditions that this equipment undergoes on a daily basis it is

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					recommended that these items be replaced. The requested new equipment will replace the current 1 FTE and .75 FTE, as well as equip additional FTEs if approved. Additionally, the OHV deputy currently does not have appropriate equipment for winter patrols such as snow suits, snow boots, gloves, etc. The lack of winter safety equipment puts the OHV deputies at risk of unnecessary injuries.
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	15,984.75	5,328.25	21,313.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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## Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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### ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

#### ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

#### ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

### ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

### ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

### ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

### ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

### ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

### ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

### ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

### ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**